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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/764,505	Applicant(s) MIHARA ET AL.	
	Examiner Courtney Thomas	Art Unit 2882	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 February 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-18,20-24,39 and 40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-16,18,20-24 and 40 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 39 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>01/27/04; 01/17/06</u> . | 6) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>IDS: 02/14/06</u> . |

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 1 and 39 are objected to because of the following informalities:
2. Claim 1, line 13 recites: "acquires." Examiner suggests the term be re-written as "acquired."
3. Claim 39, line 2, recites: "the movable member." Examiner notes there is no antecedent basis for the use of this term.
4. The claims have not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the claims.
5. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

7. Claim 39 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Noegel et al. (U.S. Patent 6,575,624).

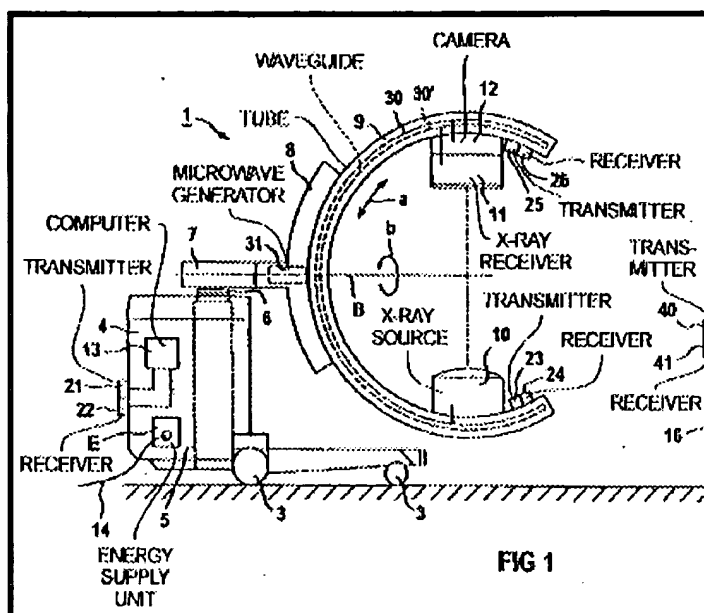


Figure 1 – Radiation Device – U.S. Patent 6,575,624 to Noegel et al.

9. As per claim 39, Noegel et al. disclose a radiation apparatus comprising: a radiation generating unit (10); a guide (8) that moves the radiation generating unit along an orbit (a) with a predetermined radius about an isocenter such that the emitted radiation crosses at a point; a support member (7) that rotates the guide about a turning axis extended through the isocenter and arranged in parallel with a plane defined by the orbit; and a microwave source (31) which supplies microwaves to the radiation generating unit via a waveguide (30').

Allowable Subject Matter

10. Claims 1, 3-16, 18, 20-24, 39 and 40 are allowed.

11. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

12. As per claim 1 and dependent claims 3-16, 18, 20-24 and 40, the examiner found no reference in the prior art that disclosed or made obvious a radiation treatment apparatus comprising a control unit that controls two axes of a movable member that rotatably supports a radiation generating unit, to change a radiation direction of the radiation generating unit on the

basis of information acquired by the imager, as recited in independent claim 1 and further supported by applicants remarks p. 12-13, received 01/04/06.

Conclusion

13. Examiner note: new claim 39 was added in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed 7/13/05.

14. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Courtney Thomas whose telephone number is (571) 272-2496. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F (9 am - 5 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ed Glick can be reached on (571) 272 2490. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Courtney Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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